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### **PSC APPROVES AGREEMENT REACHED IN COMPLAINT AGAINST AMEGA SALES, INC. d/b/a COLUMBIA DISCOUNT HOMES**

JEFFERSON CITY--Amega Sales, Inc. d/b/a Columbia Discount Homes will pay a penalty and its dealer's registration will be placed on two years probation under an agreement approved by the Public Service Commission. The agreement resolves issues in a complaint brought by the Director of the PSC's Manufactured Housing Program (PSC Staff) against Columbia Discount Homes.

The PSC Staff had alleged in its complaint that Columbia Discount Homes: 1) failed to properly set up a new manufactured home; 2) improperly altered a manufactured home; and 3) failed to correct such problems within a reasonable time after being ordered to do so.

As part of the resolution of this matter, Columbia Discount Homes reached a \$50,000 settlement agreement with the homeowners in the complaint for their losses and damages as a result of the set-up deficiencies and alterations mentioned in the complaint.

Under the terms of the agreement:

- \* Columbia Discount Homes is on two years probation. During that time, the dealer will be required to provide the PSC Staff with a monthly list of customers who purchased new manufactured homes or modular homes, identifying the installer of the home and method of payment of each installer.

- \*The PSC Staff will randomly select homes from the list for inspection. If any deficiencies are found during the inspections, a copy of the inspection report will be sent to Columbia Discount Homes and the dealer will be required to repair the deficiencies within 30 days. If they fail to fix the identified deficiencies within the time specified, it will result in automatic revocation of the dealer's registration for one year. Columbia Discount Homes will pay the inspection costs the PSC Manufactured Housing Program incurs to monitor Columbia Discount Homes during the two-year probation.

- \*Columbia Discount Homes will pay a \$2,000 penalty to the state public school fund.